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THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

THE Twenty-Sixth Report covered "part of the transition from War to Peace in the history of Toc H" The Twenty-Seventh Report may claim to cover the completion of this period and also a period of stock-taking, of mopping-up operations and preparation for advance.

At the beginning of the War, Toc H risked its life by deciding to throw in all its resources to help the War effort. There were three possible dangers: (1) Failure to rise to the opportunities presented by the Second World War. That this danger was successfully avoided is shown by the many printed reports of Toc H Services work over the whole field of the War. (2) The loss of the means to rebuild through hazarding all its resources on War Services. Thanks to the efforts of the depleted membership at home, the work of the Bursar and the splendid response of the members of the public to appeals, the War Services Fund found itself in credit when the fighting stopped; this credit balance has been fully expended during the year under review. Its successor, the Toc H Services Fund, has sufficient income to deal with all claims up to date. (3) The third danger was that the disintegrating tendencies of war and the attractions of the immediate task of providing for the physical comfort of the troops might result in members losing sight of the spiritual basis and the wider vision of Toc H. The past year has shown that Toc H has weathered the storm and retained its vision, but the period of readjustment naturally leaves us with many problems to face and perhaps some feeling of uncertainty as to the immediate steps in the next advance.

Certain facts clearly emerge. In a sick world the need for Toc H's particular approach to life is greater than ever. There is no lack of experts ready with their blue-prints and diagnoses. There is a general hunger for guidance and leadership. The supply of moral and spiritual leadership, however, is never adequate to the need. The challenge of Toc H is compelling by its stark simplicity. It is the challenge of a Christian society, "a society of those who love for the sake of those who suffer."

The year has shown that, so far from being debilitated by the War, Toc H has come through with strengthened fibres and in good heart. The vast majority of Branches have survived, membership shows slow but steady growth, and there is abundant evidence of a strong faith in the movement and a desire to meet its financial responsibilities.

If Toc H has the opportunity and the strength to rise to it, it also has the elasticity and adaptability to adjust itself to the needs of a new age, which demands that we should be ready to reconsider the ideas and the habits of the past. Our traditions have survived without appearing obsolete, but there is the danger of watch-words becoming clichés. The next stage must involve getting down to essentials and will require the courage, if necessary, to sever links with the past where these may endanger keeping pace with the rapidly advancing future.

Toc H faces the future with that quiet confidence which is born not of conceit or self-satisfaction but rather of faith in God and man and in the sacredness of human personality. The first essential for the growth of its power is that its spirit should appeal to the heart of youth.

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WITH THE FORCES.—Toc H has continued "War Services" into an uneasy peace-time which finds our Service men and women strung out far to the East through three continents. As our Forces change location and return home, so do our clubs close down or where necessary open in new positions alongside. The reputation of Toc H clubs stands high.

As was to be expected, we have closed down in many places. We are no longer to be found in Java, Sumatra, Siam, Burma or Malay, with the exception of our club and hostel at *Singapore;* this last may be needed for a long time yet, especially for the use of the Royal Navy. In *India,* too, all our clubs are closed, and John Callf, our Commissioner, recently returned home with his wife to take up Area work in the West Midlands. Frank Field represents us with the British contingent in *Japan,* but a recent reduction of strength there may make it no longer necessary to maintain this outpost. Jim and Jeanne Stevens keep open door at *Hong Kong,* having recently moved from Kowloon to more

convenient and more spacious premises on the island itself. This club, again, may be required for a long time.

Recent Treaty changes in *Egypt*, where G. F. Coleman-Cross is in charge, have caused us to close the well-known club in Cairo, as well as the "Hole in the Wall", but to open a modest establishment at Fanara on the Suez Canal.

We have maintained our House at *Jerusalem*, although at the moment the doors are shut and the Warden and his wife, Cecil and Nancy Starbuck, have to live elsewhere, behind barbed wire. Arthur Servante, who followed the 25th Indian Division so faithfully and so far, is straining at the leash to join the Starbucks in Palestine so as to expand our work there; but times are not propitious.

In *Malta*, Tigne Street and Mrabat Street continue under James Allen and his wife; the club activities have a fame of their own in Malta. There is no longer a Toc H House in *Gibraltar*, but we hope that one day Toc H will be born again at the Gateway of the Mediterranean. In *Italy*, the swan song is being sung in C.M.F. Headquarters, F. G. Chesworth and his wife having recently moved from Trieste to Venice. During the year our clubs have been reduced from nine to six, and in a few months C.M.F. will be a happy memory.

Toc H in *Germany*, with B.A.O.R., is a story of its own. Paul Webb remains our Commissioner and we still have six clubs going strong. The staff has recently been strengthened by some tried and faithful men and women re-engaged after years of work for Toc H in other lands. The main development here has been the increase of efforts directed towards Teams or Circles of Servicemen and members of the Control Commission on the model of Toc H Branch meetings. These have grown slowly in numbers and strength.

In Toc H we know that a successful Branch is not a talking shop; its success is judged by its good works or "jobs" as we term them. These Circles have lacked jobs in a Service environment where all, or nearly all, such things are done officially. With the approval and encouragement of Authority, Toc H now intends to extend the hand of Christian fellowship to Germany. That hand having been grasped, as it surely will be, discussion

will result and understanding and jobs will quickly follow, directed towards German children, towards German youth so woefully led astray and disillusioned. Surely this will be well worth doing and if tackled with determination and skill and without sentimentality should stimulate and strengthen our growing Circles.

During the year, visits to Germany have been carried out by Padre Kenneth Bloxham, Sir Colin Jardine and Barclay Baron. W. J. Lake Lake visited Egypt and Palestine, where R. J. Dines and A. W. Servante joined him for his tour. He was able to decide on the ground our future policy for Mid-East.

Overseas Services Clubs open at beginning of year (1.11.45):	59
,, ,, end of year (31.10.46): . .	19
Overseas Services Staff employed at beginning of year: . . (including 6 Indian)	120
,, ,, end of year:	49

OVERSEAS.—Despite an inadequate supply of full-time staff, Toc H Overseas has, in most places, speedily resumed a peace-time programme. The greatest difficulties are probably encountered in *India,* where a changing political scene disturbs the life of so many. But at the last North-West India Convention it was affirmed that "Toc H must continue in India" and strongly recommended that India should have a whole-time Padre and a Secretary. Fortunately, during the current twelve months A. B. Crees of the Services Staff is travelling about India visiting Toc H Circles. In the pages of *The Lamp,* the Editor never fails to stress the need for an increasing Christian influence in India towards which Toc H India, recently come of age, must give all it can.

AUSTRALIA.—For the Coming-of-Age celebrations of Toc H Australia in Melbourne last October, Padre Gilbert Williams left England in May, 1946, and remained in Australia until January, 1947, when he flew to New Zealand. He visited all the Australian Areas, and in addition to attending many Executive meetings and Guest-Nights in the big cities he also travelled far and wide to visit and encourage isolated country units. Many letters have reached Headquarters expressing the greatest

appreciation of the visit, and they can be best summed up in the words of the Hon. Australian Commissioner: "We have all learned to love him, and his kindly manner, so typically Toc H, has endeared him to everyone who has met him. His tour of Australia has been an outstanding success and each one of us has been inspired by him."

Early in 1946, Dudley Mathews succeeded R. K. Wood as Hon. Australian Commissioner. Both before and during the war, Bob Wood's leadership never failed Toc H Australia, and the whole membership expressed its gratitude at the last Australian Conference.

Padre Noel Tomlinson was recently transferred from South Australia to New South Wales, and last October he ceased to be the sole full-timer with the appointment of a South Australian, Harold Lewis, who has succeeded Wyatt Joyce as Area Secretary in Western Australia. After nine years in Western Australia, six of them on war service, Wyatt returned to England in September, 1946.

With the closing down of Services Clubs in Australia, the membership has been swiftly reverting to peace-time activities and has been welcoming back members who served in the Forces overseas. There is a decided accent on youth in all Areas: a large and well-equipped children's holiday camp in Victoria (formerly a prisoner-of-war camp), summer camps for children in other States, and in Adelaide a Students' Hostel where students from the country are provided with a home while attending the University or Technical Colleges. In Western Australia, Locksley Hall, the former Toc H Services Club, is now a Toc H centre seeking to serve not only Toc H but the wider community.

The present year is being devoted to consolidation of the movement after the disruptions of the war period and, wherever possible, by extension to places hitherto untouched by Toc H. As elsewhere, there is a desperate need for full-time staff: two staff men cannot be expected to cover the whole of the Commonwealth.

NEW ZEALAND.—Here Toc H has sturdily maintained its sense of responsibility in the community in spite of many handicaps during the war. In Auckland, a flourishing Services Club

was maintained where men of the Empire's Forces found unique hospitality and entertainment. Down in the South Island at Timaru the Toc H Branch sponsors and directs the "Cobbers Club", where boys have an excellent gymnasium, cafeteria and hobbies room. Rotary, the Borough Council and businessmen have readily co-operated in this venture, similar branches of which have been established in other centres in New Zealand. Wellington, becalmed for some years, has recently revived under the inspiring leadership of Major-General Sir Fred Bowerbank.

CANADA.—The most significant news has been the appointment in November, 1946, of the Rev. Morse C. Robinson as Regional Secretary for Eastern Canada. He is the first full-time member of the staff there since Ian Fraser's return to England in 1942. He has quickly set out to visit his vast territory, and although the war seriously depleted the membership he has found new life returning to existing units and healthy extension plans under way. The appointment of a full-time Secretary has brought much-needed relief to the Hon. Canadian Administrator, Professor H. Wasteneys, and to Mrs. Ivy Jackson, who has been responsible for the office work in Toronto.

In the Winnipeg Area, returning Service members have been linking up again and contact has been made with Servicemen who met Toc H for the first time while they were overseas. The Winnipeg District Team never failed to meet throughout the war years and has lately been organizing District Rallies to help with extension.

The British Columbia Area gallantly held on during the war years and is strongest in the Vancouver district, although the well-known Chilliwack Group continues its lively activity.

SOUTHERN AFRICA.—Though its numerical strength at the close of 1946 was only half of what it was in 1939, Toc H in Southern Africa, with the exception of the Eastern Province, now has a full-time staff available in all its Areas, as follows: General Secretary: R. P. T. Anderson; *Transvaal*: F. O. Joseph; *Natal*: the Rev. W. R. P. Evans; *Western Province* and *Rhodesia*: the Rev. D. C. E. Rogers.

Houses for ex-Service men are functioning at Johannesburg

and Salisbury, and plans are laid for a Centre at Bulawayo. The National Service Committee, which has superseded the War Services Committee, is planning large-scale jobs of social service, some of which are already in operation, including the following: (1) Houses for ex-Service men and their families (while they look for permanent accommodation) such as Harrowby in Johannesburg, accommodating 100 persons, and la Mascotte in East London, and the house for disabled ex-Servicemen in Pretoria North: this lovely house in spacious grounds has proved a haven for men requiring rehabilitation. (2) Communal Restaurants for Africans in a native township near Durban and near Johannesburg. (3) An anti-T.B. campaign in conjunction with other voluntary organizations is operating in Natal, Cape Province and the Transvaal. (4) Considerable progress has been made with Leprosy work at Westfort Colony, and a start has been made at Amatikulu, Zululand. (5) The problem of Immigration is receiving attention, Toc H acting in an advisory capacity as to employment, accommodation and other matters. (6) In the service of youth, a survey has been made of present needs, especially in regard to Scouts and Boys' Clubs.

Plans for the future include the training of unit and district officers, expansion of new units and the raising of the standard of service.

The visit of Alan Paton and his presence at the Staff Conference in September brought Toc H at home in closer touch with the activities of Southern Africa. His address to the Staff, which was printed in the November, 1946, JOURNAL, left them in no doubt as to the vigour of Toc H life there.

SOUTH AMERICA.—The movement continues to maintain its strength in the *Argentine* Area, where in Buenos Aires there are five units and the former Mark has been converted into a Centre for varied Toc H meetings and activities. Across the River Plate there is a Branch at *Montevideo,* the capital of the Republic of Uruguay, and, a thousand miles away, a group at *Asunçion,* the capital of Paraguay. Still further afield in *Brazil* and *Chile* there is no slackening of activity; the newest Brazilian Branch at *Morro Velho,* having survived the compulsory isolation of the war years, has emerged as a leading society concerned for

the general welfare of the community. With twenty-three members and fourteen Toc H Builders, Morro Velho has shown that isolation is no bar to the development of Toc H.

LONE UNITS:—In some places isolation seems to be almost a stimulus. *Kingston* (*Jamaica*), our lonely outpost in the West Indies, have their own Toc H Hall where fortnightly they gather to discover more about such varied topics as Finger-Printing from a C.I.D. Inspector, a 10-year Plan for Jamaica, and China's role in the post-war world. The Branch organises the annual Poppy Day collection and the Red Cross Flag Day and conducts a Boys' Club. Three thousand miles from any other Toc H unit is *Bathurst* in Gambia, a group which is distinguished in its all-African membership, although it was actually founded by Servicemen stationed in Gambia in 1943. Starting with the setting up of a Prisoners' After-Care Society, which brought together Christians and Mohammedans for the first time on a Committee, they went on to organise public meetings on child and family welfare out of which was developed a Boys' Club. Some of the members travel about West Africa and on their return the meetings are pleasantly flavoured with anecdotes which are interspersed with songs led by a blind harper.

LEPROSY.—During the year Toc H co-operation with the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association (BELRA) has continued and seven further Toc H members have joined the team of lay workers in Leper Colonies. At home BELRA has decided to develop and extend its work by the appointment of a number of Regional Officers. Of the eight so far appointed six have come from the ranks of Toc H.

THE ELDER BRETHREN.—The tragic series of our losses of young members, killed in action, which we had to record during the six war years, came to a halt with victory, but during the year the belated news of those who had died as prisoners of war in Japanese hands reached us. There was, on the other hand, an increasing death-roll of older members, some from the very early days of the movement, who had carried on gallantly at home in the strain of war.

The day before the anniversary of the opening of Talbot House in Flanders, there passed suddenly the man who was truly the architect of its rebirth at home as Toc H—Peter Monie. Our debt as a movement to his work can scarcely be exaggerated and members who knew him personally will always cherish his memory.

Two links with the Old House at Poperinghe were broken, one by the death of the Rev. Harold R. Bates, with Tubby and Neville Talbot one of its Founders, and another when G. Brimley Bowes, its Chairman in 1916-17, died.

At the end of 1945 we lost a President, Archbishop Lord Lang of Lambeth, and a Vice-President, H. Todd Thornbery, who had been a pioneer of Toc H in the Kent countryside; in August, 1946, died Field Marshal Lord Cavan, the senior Vice-President, who had known Talbot House in its first days. Three good friends of Toc H died in April and May—Dr. A. F. Winnington-Ingram, former Bishop of London, Dr. P. F. D. de Labillière, Dean of Westminster, and Baron Cartier de Marchienne, the veteran Belgian Ambassador.

STAFF AT HOME.—The post-war development has gone ahead through the restoration of something like the strength of the pre-war staff. In the home Areas there are now 34 men (12 padres and 22 lay) working wholly in the service of Toc H. Though this is still below the desirable establishment of two men for each of the 26 Areas, additional appointments are not being made until finance justifies an increase and the claims of overseas have been carefully considered.

THE FOUNDER PADRE.—A large number of members in this country have had the privilege and the joy of meeting Tubby personally at guest-nights in many parts. Old friends and new up and down the land have been visited and have heard Tubby speak, often for the first time. It has been a happy event for them and for Tubby to forge that personal link which war had often prevented. His own work on Tower Hill, his plans for the re-building of All Hallows and his voluminous correspondence have not stood in the way of his being out and about among the Family. This has been greatly appreciated at home and we

know that overseas as well he longs to renew the fellowship of sight and hand.

ADMINISTRATOR.—The end of the year saw a change of Administrator when W. J. Lake Lake, who had so courageously led Toc H through the war years and had been largely responsible for its fine Services organisation, handed over the baton to Harold W. Howe, who brings to Toc H the experience of a schoolmaster and who was for many years an active member in Lakeland Area. It is good news that Toc H is not to lose the experience and geniality of Lako, who has consented to help develop the work overseas in the capacity of Chief Overseas Commissioner.

MEMBERSHIP.—It was hardly to be expected that 1946 would see a rapid increase of membership. Branches dormant or handicapped during the War have been steadily rebuilding. The return of ex-Service men and the bringing in of new Service members has been slow in many places but it is perhaps natural that they should not at once seek the fellowship of Toc H. A much greater increase from this source is to be expected in the coming year. Younger men too will be finding their way into the life of Branches. The response to the approach to youth (and without young blood Branches will inevitably die) requires a new technique which is still to be fully worked out.

After many years' work in Scotland and on war service Bob Sawers retired at the end of the year from his work as Toc H Builders' Secretary at Headquarters where he had put this particular room of the Toc H house in order. The enrolment of Builders continues both at the centre and in Areas, Districts and Branches, where the understanding support of many new friends is greatly to be desired.

Another important task remains to be done with the General Members, many of whom have fallen out of touch during the War. Linked with this a problem engaging the attention of the Central Executive is the desirability of bringing into effective association the busy man who has not the time to become an active member of a local Branch.

MARKS AND OTHER HOUSES.—The past year has shown an unprecedented demand for accommodation in all our residential

Houses. This position has helped the Central Houses Committee and the Hon. Wardens in the careful selection and maintenance of strong teams of Marksmen. There are now 17 Marks in use with full-time resident staff of two Padres and four Pilots in all. They and the Hon. Wardens are keenly aware of their responsibilities and appreciate the value of the Marks as a means of expressing the true purpose of Toc H.

Owing to the increase in wages and general costs a deficit on the accounts became apparent during the year. To enable the Marks to become self-supporting again, the Committee decided to readjust the system of retaining fees and the normal weekly charges which are variable according to means.

The Talbot House Club in Southampton now continues its special work as a home for seafaring boys. Mark XIV, Salford, a Services Club in war-time, has reverted to its normal use; also Mark XXII, Denmark Hill, London, on being handed back by the London Police Court Mission after use as a training hostel for probation officers. Mark XIX, Red House, Leeds, is still occupied as a Day Nursery by the Leeds Corporation. The rebuilding of Mark X at Hull, entirely destroyed by enemy action, is not yet possible.

Housing problems constantly hamper the mobility of the Toc H Staff. In London, the small house at Woolwich, formerly Mark XV, which had been closed before the war and suffered severe damage during it, has been re-occupied as living quarters for two local residents and two married members of the Staff. Temporary repairs to the house in South Hackney have made possible the accommodation of two married members of the Area Staff and their families, pending its re-instatement as Mark III. While it is hoped to convert the house next to Mark II in St. George's Square, S.W.1., into flats, similar needs are liable to hinder the posting of Staff to work in other cities.

Another need is the provision of *Toc H Centres* in populated areas where members can foregather at all times. This has been met in Sheffield by the old Mark VIII, which was to have been disposed of, being no longer suitable for the purpose. After a revival as a Services Hostel, it is now being used as a Centre for work in South Yorkshire with a resident Padre. In London

the war-time Centre in Dean's Yard, Westminster, was succeeded for fifteen months by a fine old house in Soho Square which welcomed thousands of people from most parts of the world until its owners, the Council of the House of Charity, required its return for their own work last September. The search for new premises continues. In many other places Branches would welcome simple accommodation, if only for their weekly meetings, or to make their own. For new Marks or other types of Houses in the larger cities Toc H Incorporated is always ready to receive offers of the gift of suitable freehold properties.

THE OLD HOUSE.—Talbot House, Poperinghe, the birthplace of Toc H, has been put into excellent order again since its deliverance from enemy occupation and stands ready for use by Toc H pilgrims as soon as travel conditions permit. Major Paul Slessor, who has been responsible for its management since 1929, has just retired from the staff of Toc H after long service but continues in office as President of the Association which owns the House under Belgian law and to act as Secretary of the Old House Committee at home.

FINANCE.—This subject is likely to be a prominent item on most agenda if we are not only to meet existing obligations but to expand. The year has been marked by some important decisions. It was evident that, in spite of the utmost loyalty on the part of members, Toc H could not face the future with a confident cheer without asking the public to continue in peace-time the support they had gladly given to our Services work during the war. In view of the fact that the estimated expenditure for the next few years is likely to be at least £70,000 a year, the decision was taken to appeal for an additional annual income of £50,000 to meet the immediate post-war commitments and the cost of future extension. Of this sum it is confidently expected that the membership will produce the larger part. Tubby brought the facts home by his challenging article, "Facing Facts", which has already resulted in an encouraging response from members.

In taking this decision, believing that it was rightly interpreting the wishes of the membership, the Central Executive firmly accepted a share in the rebuilding of the blitzed Church of All

Hallows-by-the-Tower, closely associated with Toc H since the Founder Padre's appointment as Vicar in 1922. It is hoped that the next Annual Report may actually give the glad news that All Hallows has begun to rise again. Nothing could give a greater stimulus to the inner life of the Family than the knowledge that the rebuilding of the North Aisle, a shrine of Toc H, is being made possible by the efforts of the members.

The Appeal was launched on December 11th at the Mansion House by invitation of the Lord Mayor of London. Over 800 people were present, including a hundred Mayors; many guests had to be excluded from the meeting owing to the overwhelming response. The chief speakers were General Sir William Slim, Henry Willink and the Headmaster of Rugby.

Among the plans thus inaugurated, mention should be made of the six "Operation Sinews" Conferences which were held early in 1947 as a means of discussing with Area and Unit Treasurers the urgency of the financial situation.

ACCOUNTS.—*The Toc H War Services Fund* ceased to exist in name on October 31st, 1945, and the Central Executive undertook to use the remaining balance in accordance with the Fund's Objects. Reference to the Balance Sheet will show that this has been done during the year and that there is now no balance left in the Toc H War Services Fund.

The Toc H Services Fund has a balance of £106,294 in hand at October 31st, 1946. During the year the income has included the proceeds of sale of equipment, the transfer of final balances held by Clubs which closed during this period, and grants refunded by Home and Overseas Clubs, totalling in all £57,509. Toc H Services Clubs in the United Kingdom were nearly all closed at October 31st, 1946, but there are growing commitments in Germany, and to some lesser degree in Middle East and Far East. *The balance on this Fund is available only for work with H.M. and Allied Forces, Colonial Police and Merchant Seamen.*

Toc H General Funds. As was foreshadowed in last year's Annual Report, the Expenditure this year has increased considerably as a direct result of the strengthening of Staff at Home. Owing mainly to the change-over from war-time activities, Branches and groups at home were in a state of transition and

have not all been able during 1946 to make as big a contribution to our extension work as they would have wished to do. Consequently, although our Ordinary Income was increased by £8,882, almost entirely from Member's own pockets, our Total Income fell short of our Expenditure by £12,715.

Members' Thanksgiving Fund. Many Members had realised that the first two or three years after the end of the war would involve us in a heavy increase in expenditure, and had given generously to help meet the foreseen deficits. The total sum subscribed was £6,917, and this has been used up entirely in helping to meet this year's deficit; the balance of deficit amounting to £5,798 has reduced the few liquid assets which we hold available for current expenditure.

Income. In addition to the Members' Thanksgiving Fund, it is encouraging to note that 85 per cent. of our Ordinary Income for the year came from within the Family itself. For many years ur members have provided the bulk of our annual income and ıey have recently made it clear that they propose to continue to :cept this responsibility. On the other hand, we could not .ndertake the work which lies before us without the help of our many friends who subscribe each year as Toc H Builders and Donors, and whose gifts will enable us to extend our work Overseas. We wish that conditions would allow us to publish the names of every subscriber and to record in this Report the amount of every gift. There can be no limit to the amount we can usefully and creatively spend in forming teams of men in all parts of the world whose task it will be to lead their generation forward towards acceptance and practice of Christian standards within their immediate community.

WOMEN'S SECTION.—Toc H has been happy to find the Women's Section at their side in all their activities and we gladly acknowledge their unfailing and loyal support of the Family. Their contribution, both of service and financial help, is far in excess of their numerical strength.

LOOKING FORWARD.—If the change-over from War Services to peace-time work has not been effected without some loss, such as arises, for instance, from the closing down of Services Clubs

where men and women have worked together in happy fellowship, large opportunities are beginning to open up and the year has seen the beginnings of important new developments. Reference has already been made to possible extensions in Germany and it is hoped that Toc H may shortly be exploring, through a specialist member of staff, means by which its spirit may make a more effective impact on the demoralisation that threatens the very heart of Europe. An attempt is also to be made on the problem of Young Conscript to see where the hand of fellowship can help young men in a strange environment with its potential dangers and rich opportunities. There are also useful fields of work for Toc H in connection with the social and economic problems of this most uneasy period of the nation's history: Toc H should have something to say and do about such matters as Old Age, Man-power and Production. There are more ways than one in which its effective work will depend upon facing the facts. Adaptability, faith and belief in the value of human personality must be the keynotes of future policy in the Atomic Age.

The British Council of the Churches sums up their answer to the challenge of the new age as follows:

"Our immediate task is to encourage everywhere groups which are learning the practice of democratic fellowship and are thereby becoming nuclei of a new social consciousness. Life can be redeemed not by mere zealous striving after what ought to be but only by finding a new relation to that which is. There are two crucial points at which this change must come about—the relationship of persons and man's relationship with the Transcendent."

The same suggestion comes from a different quarter. Cecil Day Lewis, writing on the obscurity of modern poetry, says:

"The modern poet is appealing for the creation of a society in which the real and living contact between man and man may again become possible. He appeals for the contraction of the social group to a size at which human contact may again be established and he demands the destruction of all impediments to love."

As Toc H faces the future the prime need is to simplify the issue without losing sight of essential values. It must stand or fall by its power to make its contribution to the problem of personal relationships.

D. S. Campbell, *Chairman, Central Executive.*
Wm. A. Hurst, *Hon. Treasurer.*
H. W. Howe, *Administrator.*

Toc H Headquarters, 47, Francis Street, London, S.W.1.

TOC H INCORPORATED

(Not including Toc H Services Fund)

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st OCTOBER, 1946

	£	£
ENDOWMENT OF CHAPLAINCIES FUND—		
As at 31st October 1945	71,933	
Add: Transfer from Capital Account	500	
		72,433
		72,433

	£	£
ASSETS ALLOCATED TO FUNDS AND SPECIAL PURPOSES—		
Endowment of Chaplaincies :—		
Investments at cost or value when given less amounts written off		
£3,800 Australia 3¼% Stock 1964/74	3,753	
£1,000 3% Defence Bonds ...	1,000	
£5,000 Groves & Whitnall Ltd. 4½% Perpetual Mortgage Debenture Stock	3,585	
430 Improved Tenements Association Ltd. Ordinary Shares of £10 each ...	430	
£5,200 New Zealand 3½% Stock 1955/60	5,184	
£660/14/6 2½% National War Bonds 1949/51	661	
£5,000 3% Savings Bonds 1955/65	5,000	
£47,758/18/1 3½% War Stock	47,820	
(Market Value £76,536) ...	67,433	
Freehold Property given— Kendalshire Farm ...	5,000	
		72,433

WAKEFIELD FUND			10,000
DONATIONS ETC. FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES UNEXPENDED—			
Chaplaincy Endowment Income As at 31st October 1945	£4,704		
Income for year less Outgoings	2,100		
		6,804	
United States of America Fund ...		1,913	
Services Account		6,457	
Toc H Hostels		1,028	
Palestine		1,000	
Other Funds :—			
Talbot House Seafaring Boys Club		300	
Our XII Room		530	
Overseas		480	
Locke Legacy		250	
Talbot House, Malta		150	18,912
			101,345
SUPERANNUATION AND BENEFIT RESERVE—			
As at 31st October 1945		4,780	
Add : Reserve for year		1,290	
		6,070	
Less : Amounts expended ...		429	
			5,641
LOANS AND CURRENT ACCOUNTS—			
Talbot House, Poperinghe ...		2,312	
Branches and Others		3,701	6,013
Carried forward			112,999

WAKEFIELD FUND—Investment at Cost, less amount written off.			
£10,000 3½% War Stock (Market Value £10,763).			10,000
FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES—Investments at Cost or Value when given.			
£300 Groves & Whitnall Ltd. 4½% Perpetual Mortgage Debenture Stock		300	
£503/8/0 3½% War Stock ...		530	
£8,939/5/6 2½% National War Bonds 1949/51		8,939	
£7,675/5/5 2½% National War Bonds 1951/53		7,675	
(Market Value £17,931)		17,444	
Cash at Bank—No. 2 Account		1,468	
			18,912
			101,345
ASSETS UNAPPROPRIATED—			
FREEHOLD AND LONG LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES.			
At Cost or Value when given, less amounts written off.			
As at 31st October 1945 ...		137,884	
Additions during year ...		1,123	
		139,007	
Less : Sales	60		
Amounts written off	3,475		
		3,535	
			135,472
Carried forward			236,817

Brought forward			112,999
SUNDRY CREDITORS AND INCOME RECEIVED IN ADVANCE			17,305
REPAIRS AND RENEWALS EQUALISATION RESERVE			15,547
CAPITAL ACCOUNT as at 31st October 1945		216,651	
Add: Special Donations received during year		995	
		217,646	
Deduct: Loss on Realisation of Investments ...	20		
Transfer to Endowment of Chaplaincies Fund ...	500		
		520	
		217,126	
Less: Income and Expenditure Account Deficit at 31st October 1945 ...	4,057		
Add: Excess of Expenditure over Income for year to date per attached account	5,797		
		9,854	
			207,272

Brought forward		236,817
PROPERTIES HELD IN TRUST FOR TOC H—		
Gladstone House, Liverpool ...	—	
Talbot House, Poperinghe ...	—	—
ADVOWSON—		
Roche (Part Share)		—
SPORTS CLUB PAVILION AND EQUIPMENT—		
At Cost, less amounts written off		100
HOSTELS AND OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT, at Cost, less depreciation, excluding value of furniture given—		
As at 31st October 1945	2,510	
Additions during year	107	
	2,617	
Less: Depreciation	257	
		2,360
INVESTMENTS AT COST OF VALUE WHEN GIVEN LESS AMOUNTS WRITTEN OFF—		
67 Australasian United Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. Shares of £50 each	2,345	
£2,900 3% Australia Stock 1955/58	2,868	
£16,400 3¼% Australia Stock 1965/69	16,796	
£10,000 Canadian Pacific Railway 4% Preference Stock	8,282	
£2,300 3% Defence Bonds ...	2,300	
1,000 Groves & Whitnall Ltd. 5½% Preference Shares of £1 each ...	1,013	

NOTE :—*These accounts do not include the current Assets and Liabilities of Toc H Overseas Organisations.*

For and on behalf of Toc H Incorporated:

D. S. CAMPBELL, Chairman, Central Executive.
WM. A. HURST, Hon. Treasurer.
H. W. HOWE, Administrator.

28th February, 1947.

191 National Savings Certificates	153	
£20,000 2½% National War Bonds 1949/51	20,000	
£2,324/14/7 2½% National War Bonds 1951/53	2,325	
£13,200 2½% National War Bonds 1952/54	13,296	
£15,000 2½% National War Bonds 1954/56	15,000	
1,000 3% Savings Bonds 1955/65	1,000	
£9,058/1/5 3½% War Loan 1952/54 (Market Value £97,730)	9,106	
		94,484
TOC H SERVICES FUND—CURRENT ACCOUNT		1,864
SUNDRY DEBTORS AND PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE		7,574
CASH AT BANKERS		9,219
CASH IN HANDS OF OFFICIALS ...		705
		£353,123

£353,123

We have examined the above Balance Sheet with the Books and Records of the Corporation, other than Toc H Services Fund, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. We report that, in our opinion, such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Corporation's affairs, as at 31st October, 1946, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the Books and Records of the Corporation.

3, FREDERICK'S PLACE, OLD JEWRY, LONDON, E.C.2.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.

28th February, 1947.

TOC H INCORPORATED

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st OCTOBER, 1946

	£	£
To Salaries and Wages—		
Chaplains	6,080	
Lay Staff	12,267	
Office Staff	7,891	
Cost of Living Bonus ...	3,235	
		29,473
,, Staff Pensions and Superannuation Schemes		2,040
,, Travelling Expenses		
Chaplains	911	
Lay Staff	2,277	
		3,188
,, Rents, Rates and Insurance ...		686
,, Heating and Lighting ...		400
,, Postages and Telephones ...		1,208
,, Printing and Stationery ...		450
,, Publications and Publicity ...		1,724
,, Office and General Expenses ...		673
,, Repairs, Renewals and Equipment		1,029
,, Lamps of Maintenance ...		865
,, Interest on Loans and Bank Charges		145
,, Legal Expenses		16
,, Grant to Talbot House, Poperinghe		350
,, Depreciation of Headquarters Furniture and Equipment ...		61

	£	£
By Membership Subscriptions ...		3,082
,, Contributions From Units ...		7,494
,, Toc H Builders Subscriptions (incl. £2,903 from Members)		7,830
,, Donations		4,528
,, Donations for Lamps of Maintenance		181
,, Rushlight Fees		84
,, Sale of Publications		837
,, Sundry Receipts		38
,, Interest on Investments ...		3,843
,, Rents Receivable, Interest on Loans, Etc.		1,497
,, Chaplaincy Funds—		
Donations	737	
Chaplains' Fees	83	
Interest on Investments ...	1,358	
		2,178
Total Ordinary Income ...		31,592
By Salaries of Permanent Staff Chargeable Against Toc H Services Fund		5,776
,, Members Thanksgiving Fund ...		6,917

,, Allocation of Income to Toc H (Women's Section).	1,500	,, Balance, being excess of expenditure over income for year to date	12,714
,, Amount Written Off Freehold & Long Leasehold Properties	3,475	Deduct Members Thanksgiving Fund (Credited above)	6,917
Total Ordinary Expenditure ...	47,283		5,797
,, Hostels—Excess of Expenditure Over Income for the Year ...	2,799		
	£50,082		£50,082

TOC H HOSTELS

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st OCTOBER, 1946

	£		£
Catering Charges	11,876	Hostellers Payments	30,398
Salaries and Wages	12,413	Casual Receipts	2,031
Laundry Charges	757	Rents Receivable	573
Rent, Rates and Insurance	2,096	Donations	185
Heating and Lighting	3,127	Interest	6
General Expenses	1,237		33,193
Printing, Stationery, Postages and Telephones	269	Balance, Being Excess of Expenditure over Income, for the Year to Date	2,799
Depreciation of Furniture and Equipment	169		
Repairs, Alterations and Renewals Equalisation Charge	4,000		
Bad Debts Written Off and Reserved for, Less Amounts Recovered	48		
	£35,992		£35,992

TOC H SERVICES FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st OCTOBER, 1946

	£	£
TOC H WAR SERVICES FUND—SURPLUS AS AT 31ST OCTOBER, 1945 ...	49,760	
Add : Provision for further liabilities no longer required :—		
Construction, Equipment, etc. at Orkney	562	
Dilapidations and Re-instatement of Services Club Premises ...	11,000	
	61,322	
Less : Proportion of Services Clubs Expenditure for the year ended 31st October, 1946, transferred from Income and Expenditure Account	61,322	——

	£	£
CASH AT BANKERS AND IN HAND—		
Barclays Bank Ltd.	35,672	
Foreign Banks	187	
Cash in Hands of Officials and in Transit	1,013	
		36,872
STOCKS ON HAND—AT OR UNDER COST		5,772
SUNDRY DEBTORS AND PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE		21,746
TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS—AT COST OR VALUE WHEN GIVEN—		
3% Defence Bonds	1,000	
2½% National War Bonds 1949/51	2,000	
2½% National War Bonds 1951/53	25,168	
2½% National War Bonds 1952/54	5,048	
2½% Savings Bonds 1964/67 ...	50,500	
		83,716

NOTE :—*Toc H War Services Fund ceased to exist in name on 31st October, 1945 and with the approval of the Public Control Department of the London County Council the balance of that Fund has been spent on Services Club work in accordance with the original objects.*

SUNDRY CREDITORS AND ACCRUED CHARGES		
Provision for B.A.O.R. Domestic Wages	30,000	
Sundry Creditors and Accrued Charges	6,510	
		36,510
PROVISION FOR FURTHER LIABILITIES		
Construction, etc. at Orkney ...	937	
Re-instatement of Premises ...	2,500	
		3,437
HEADQUARTERS CURRENT ACCOUNT ...		1,864
TOC H SERVICES FUND—SURPLUS		
Excess of Income over Expenditure as per attached Account ...		106,295
		£148,106

NOTE :—*These Accounts do not include the current Assets and Liabilities of the Overseas Services Clubs, other than those of the B.A.O.R.*

For and on behalf of Toc H Services Fund:

D. S. CAMPBELL, Chairman.
WM. A. HURST, Hon. Treasurer.
H. W. HOWE, Administrator.

28th February, 1947.

£148,106

We have examined the above Balance Sheet with the Books and Records of the Services Fund at Headquarters and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. We report that, in our opinion, such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Services Fund, as at 31st October, 1946 according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the Books and Records of the Fund at Headquarters.

3, FREDERICK'S PLACE, OLD JEWRY, LONDON, E.C.2.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.

28th February, 1947.

TOC H SERVICES FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st OCTOBER, 1946

	£	£
To APPEAL EXPENDITURE—		
Salaries and Wages	3,639	
Add: Reimbursed to Toc H General Fund for Salaries and Wages	620	
	4,259	
Travelling Expenses	624	
Postages and Telephones ...	600	
Publications, Publicity, Printing and Stationery ...	1,320	
Office and General Expenses ...	899	
		7,702
,, SERVICES CLUBS EXPENDITURE—		
Salaries and Wages (including Welfare Staff)	58,244	
Add: Reimbursed to Toc H General Fund for Salaries and Wages	5,156	
	63,400	

	£	£
By DONATIONS FOR GENERAL AND OVERSEAS WORK	15,500	
,, SPECIAL DONATIONS FOR HOME CLUBS	1,448	
,, INCOME FROM FUNCTIONS, ETC.	14,702	
,, DONATIONS FROM ASSOCIATED SERVICES CLUBS	13,118	
,, WAR CHEST CONTRIBUTIONS ...	545	
,, INTEREST AND PROFIT ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS	1,694	
		47,007
,, SERVICES CLUBS INCOME—		
Canteen Receipts	170,769	
Billeting Receipts	5,309	
Sundry Receipts	305	
Receipts from Sale of Equipment	11,653	
Grants Refunded—		
Home Clubs	1,619	
Overseas Clubs	31,120	
		220,775

Canteen Goods Consumed ...	108,456	
Rent, Rate and Insurance ...	4,086	
Heating and Lighting ...	4,597	
Printing and Stationery ...	386	
Postages and Telephones ...	498	
Laundry Charges	479	
General Expenses	2,229	
Travelling Expenses ...	1,965	
Expenditure on Equipment, Alterations, Repairs and Renewals	6,096	
Grants to Associated Services Clubs	651	
Grants to Overseas Services Clubs :		
India and S.E.A.C. ...	11,056	
C.M.F.	7,920	
Middle East	3,288	
	215,107	
Less : Proportion transferred against Toc H War Services Fund	61,322	
		153,785
,, BALANCE BEING EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE CARRIED TO BALANCE SHEET		106,295
		£267,782

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FOR FURTHER READING

Having read so far, you may wish to know that the monthly issue of this *Journal* can be obtained (annual subscription 5*s*.) from Toc H Headquarters, 47, Francis Street, London, S.W.1. There is a Toc H quarterly, entitled *The New Forum* (annual subscription 3*s*. 4*d*.) to be had from Brotherton House, Toc H, North Grange Road, Headingley, Leeds, 6.

The Log, the bi-monthly journal of Toc H (Women's Section), is published from Crutched Friars House, London, E.C.3 (annual subscription 2*s*. 6*d*.). Other publications of the Women's Section are also available there.

If, however, you wish to select more to read about Toc H, here is a descriptive catalogue, the source of supply being any Area Office or 47, Francis Street, S.W.1.

The History of Toc H

If you want the romance of history, a rich compound of grave and gay, *Tales of Talbot House* (1*s*. 6*d*.) by 'Tubby' Clayton, the Founder Padre gives it in abundance. Here is portrayed the fellowship and the humour, later to become hallmarks of the reborn society of post-war called Toc H. Barclay Baron carries that history a stage further in *The Birth of a Movement* (2*s*.) and tells of the determination of a few men to recreate the hopes and desires of those who found the "fellowship of the trenches" too great to lose.

The Birthday Book (1*s*.), published at the Coming of Age Festival in 1936, and *The Linkmen* (1*s*.) give an illustrated record of the life and work of Toc H at home and overseas.

The history would not be complete without mention of *The Royal Charter* (1*s*.), granted in 1922, which states the objects and government of Toc H, the powers of the Corporation and the rules relating to the Branches and Members of the Association.

Its nature

To look back serves little purpose unless the process is to lay a foundation for the future. Peter Monie's *Toc H Under Weigh* (1*s*.) does just this. It contains the 'philosophy' of Toc H, discussing and interpreting its method and nature, examining carefully the claims of the Four Points of the Toc H Compass and of the Main Resolution. This book is essential to an understanding of the basic principles.

A recently published booklet, *Thinking About Toc H* (3*d*.) by Ian Fraser, gives significance to the place of Toc H in contemporary history. *Asleep or Awake?* (6*d*.) is a contribution by Barclay Baron on the application of Toc H to modern life through the eyes of an artist-craftsman.

Three books, *The Toc H Padre* (9d.) by H. F. S., *Fishers of Men* (6d.) by Tubby, and *A Family Affair* by Shaun Herron, give emphasis to the Christian principles of the movement—the first, a guide for the clergy of all denominations; the second, another link in the interpretation for Toc H Padres; the third a study in pastoral opportunity.

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